

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
November 17, 2006

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Friday, November 17, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., at the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges Board Room, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, Mississippi.

Members present: Mr. Chip Crane, Mrs. Patricia (Pat) Dickens, Mr. Henry (Bubba) Hudspeth, Mr. Bruce Martin, Mr. Napoleon Moore, Dr. Dorothy Nelson, Mr. Ed Perry, Mr. Henry Thomas, Mr. George Walker and Mrs. Brenda Yonge.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Dr. Larry Day, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Dr. Jason Pugh, Mr. Jim Southward and Mrs. Denise Walley.

Guests in attendance: Mr. Chuck Rubisoff – Attorney General's Office; Dr. Reginald (Reggie) Sykes – Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL); and Dr. Howell Garner – Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. George Walker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

Mr. Napoleon Moore gave the invocation.

Approval of the Minutes of the October 20, 2006, Meeting

Upon a motion by Mr. Henry Thomas and a second by Mr. Napoleon Moore, the Board **voted unanimously** to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2006, meeting.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion by Mr. Bubba Hudspeth and a second by Mr. Napoleon Moore, the Board **voted unanimously** to approve the agenda as presented.

REPORTS/ACTION

Executive Director's Report

Dr. Reggie Sykes was called on to report on recent activities. Dr. Sykes stated that IHL approved several programs at their last meeting, one being a Bachelor of Science of Applied Technology at the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) in the Department of Economic and Workforce Development. The program was established to provide applied technology to community and junior college graduates with an appropriate avenue to receive a baccalaureate degree.

Dr. Sykes also reported on IHL Best Practices Awards. Under the Academic category, USM came in 2nd place due to their efforts in making the transition from the 2-year to 4-year colleges as seamless as possible. A Blue Ribbon Committee has been formed to

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look at improving teacher education and Dr. Bradberry has been appointed to serve on that committee.

In closing, Dr. Sykes stated that he has met with 10 of the 15 community college presidents in the last 2 months to gather suggestions on assisting the students who transfer to the universities to continue their education.

Dr. Stonecypher reported on a trip to Little Rock, Arkansas that he took with Dr. Muse. He stated that there is approximately \$28,000,000 in TANF funds that he would like to see utilized in the Dropout Recovery effort.

Dr. Stonecypher and Dr. Bradberry have been attending as many of the regional legislative meetings as possible; recently attending Northeast, Northwest and Itawamba meetings. Legislators are showing interest in regards to dropout recovery and mid-level funding for the community colleges.

Various news articles were given: *Pearl River Wrangles with Katrina Insurance Claims* is shown as "Exhibit E" and several Community College Week articles are shown as "Exhibit F".

Dr. Stonecypher reported on a meeting with Representative Steve Holland, Chair of the Health Committee, in regards to Mortuary Science programs in Mississippi. Representative Holland has various concerns regarding the programs and has asked the SBCJC to look closely at the programs that are being offered in four (4) of the community colleges.

A report was given last month pertaining to PEER's inquiry regarding Medical Clinics on the campuses of the colleges and universities. Six (6) of the community colleges provide health care to students and faculty directly through an EMT, Paramedic or Nurse via contractual arrangements. PEER is recommending that each college create a policy to require all faculty and staff to pay a market rate for services and that the colleges use enterprise accounting to account for medical clinics. PEER had requested a response by October 31, 2006, which the SBCJC has provided.

Dr. Stonecypher reminded the Board that at last month's meeting they voted to begin the Administrative Procedures process for the newly proposed Enrollment Audit Policy, in answer to PEER's concerns on the present audit policy. Since it has not been 30 days since the last meeting, the policy will not be available for the Board's final action until the December 2006 meeting.

Instructors for the Fine Arts Departments met at Itawamba Community College recently to address consistency of course offerings at the colleges. This is just one of the many areas that the colleges are reviewing in an effort to improve the articulation system.

MACJC Report

Dr. Howell Garner reported that the October MACJC meeting was held in Holly Springs at Rust College in conjunction with the Mississippi Association of Colleges (MAC) Conference. Mr. Alan Newman, with the Education Division of InLine, asked the colleges to host seminars promoting E-rate products and services through video conferencing. InLine provides technology and education solutions for K-12 schools. His request was approved.

Mr. Jim Haffey presented his dissertation topic to the Presidents' for their approval, which was also approved.

Dr Garner stated that the Presidents' Retreat that was held at Eagle Ridge several months ago was very successful. He has met with all of the legislators in his district but one and has received positive feedback from them regarding the three major community college issues for the upcoming session: mid-level funding, the bond bill for \$128,000,000, and the dropout recovery program.

In closing, he stated that he was looking forward to Copiah-Lincoln hosting the Board meeting in February 2007 at the Natchez campus.

Workforce Report

Mr. Walker began by announcing the upcoming meeting of the State Workforce Investment Board (SWIB) on December 6, 2006.

Dr. Pugh directed the Board's attention to "Exhibit A", the Workforce Division Report. He reviewed the current Workforce Budget Report and provided a list of grant activities.

Dr. Pugh explained the Career Readiness Certificate, which is based on an assessment of math, English and other employability skills. If applicants do not score within an acceptable range they are placed in a training program to address areas that need improvement. A pre-proposal has been prepared in relation to acquiring grants to help fund the implementation of the project. The expected start up costs are approximately \$450,000.

In closing, Dr. Pugh reviewed the Dropout Recovery Initiative PowerPoint presentation that is included in "Exhibit A". The presentation reveals the need, the goal and the plan of the project.

Accountability and Technology Report

Dr. Larry Day reported that EdNet has received \$1,300,000 through the ClearWire contract, which they have used to settle the debts that they had acquired. They are now debt-free and recently received a clear audit. ClearWire is expected to provide a monthly payment of \$8,500 to EdNet for the next 30 years.

Dr. Day reported that there were no new requests for location of classes for this semester.

As mentioned during Dr. Stonecypher's report, the Enrollment Audit Policy is still pending on the Administrative Procedures process and will be brought before the Board at the December meeting for final approval. Dr. Day stated that he had received one (1) written comment for clarification, which he has addressed.

Program Report

Dr. Bradberry provided several news articles: *Community College All-stars* – Exhibit B; *GED Classes Changing Lives* – Exhibit C; and *Family Chases Dreams* – Exhibit D. Mrs. Richardson and Mr. Seal were both scheduled to be out and were not present to give a report, but Dr. Bradberry stated that Mrs. Richardson would be available at the next meeting to give an update.

Dr. Bradberry reported on the Class Size Efficiency Committee, of which he is the chairman. The committee is receiving information regularly regarding the class sizes and the committee will prepare a report for Dr. Stonecypher to present to the PEER Committee in December 2006.

Mr. Jim Southward reported that four (4) of the community colleges football teams placed in the Top 20 national listings: Pearl River finished at #2, Copiah-Lincoln at #9, Mississippi Gulf Coast

at #10 and Itawamba #19. In soccer, Hinds won both the men's and women's tournament district-wide.

Legislative Report

Dr. Bradberry provided a copy of the Governor's Budget, shown as "Exhibit H". Governor Barbour's budget provides \$221,029,260 for the community college system, in addition to workforce training dollars derived from the Workforce Training Enhancement Fund. This would be a \$23,341,303 increase over FY 07.

Dr. Bradberry stated that the Mid-Level Funding bill is in the Senate Drafting Department at Legislative Services, awaiting someone in the senate to author it before it can be finalized. The Dropout Recovery Initiative, another of the top three (3) items on the legislative agenda, is receiving favorable attention.

Dr. Bradberry reported on the Regional Legislative Meetings that he attended with Dr. Stonecypher and Dr. Muse. He commented on the good turn out for the meeting that Itawamba hosted. Mississippi Delta is expected to hold their meeting on November 27, 2006 and Co-Lin is planning a golf tournament with their legislators.

*The meeting was adjourned for a 15 minute break at 10:15 a.m.

Finance Report

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert presented the items on the Finance Agenda as follows:

Quarterly Capital Improvements Report was reviewed by Dr. Day and is shown as "Finance Attachment 1".

Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and Special Funds as of October 31, 2006. See "Finance Attachments 2a – 2b".

Travel Authorizations

Mr. Walker asked if there were requests for travel reimbursement for events other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. Upon a motion by Mr. Ed Perry and a second by Dr. Dorothy Nelson, the Board **voted unanimously** to approve travel authorizations, as follows:

Mr. Hudspeth, Dr. Nelson and Mr. Walker received invitations to Mississippi Delta's Regional Legislative Meeting on November 27, 2006.

Mr. Walker plans to attend the Delta Revitalization Task Force meeting on November 22, 2006 and the State Workforce Investment Board meeting on December 6, 2006.

Out-of-Town Meetings

Pearl River Community College has extended an invitation to the Board. Due to Hurricane Katrina damage, it is uncertain when they would host the meeting. However, they hope to be ready by the April 2007 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.


Mr. George Walker, Chairman


Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Executive Director

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